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4. Except where otherwise stated, the information in this report is that available in DIS as at October 1965. Information in general is very scanty and is mainly dated 1956–61.

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SOMALI REPUBLIC : TOWNS

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL

1. The Somali Republic which was proclaimed an independent State on the 1st July, 1960, is made up of the former British Somaliland Protectorate and the former United Nations Trust Territory of Somalia.

2. The Republic occupies the Horn of Africa and is bounded by the Gulf of Aden in the north, by Ethiopia and Kenya on the west, and by the Indian Ocean on the east and south.

3. A 1963 estimate gives the total population as 2,300,000 of whom only about 10 per cent live in towns. In addition to Somalis there are large groups of Arabs, Indians and Pakistanis, as well as several hundred Europeans.

4. There are only three towns with more than 20,000 inhabitants: Mogadiscio the capital, Hargeisa and Berbera. These and the smaller towns have a nucleus of stone-built offices and houses, but the Somali residential districts often consist of mud and wattle or mat and skin huts. The northern coastal towns are distinctive in that they have a compact nucleus of old flat-roofed Arab-type houses of coral or stone.

5. Public utilities including electric power and piped water supplies are limited in all the towns. Where there is a piped water system it consists mainly of standpipes in the streets and is untreated. No town has a modern sewage system.

6. Communications between the towns are poor; there are no railways and roads are usually natural surface only. Most of the towns are linked by air.

CHAPTER 2

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF MAIN TOWNS

INTRODUCTION

7. This chapter describes the four main towns of the Somali Republic—Mogadiscio (Mogadishu), Berbera, Burao and Hargeisa. Plans for each town are included in the end pocket.

8. In the following description the number in brackets after a building or installation refers to its position on the plan. Where no number appears exact locations are not known.

MOGADISCIO (MOGADISHU)

2° 04′ N., 45° 22′ E. Population 104,000 (1963)

Map 2

GENERAL

9. Mogadiscio the capital and chief port of the Somali Republic is built on dunes bordering the Indian Ocean. The administrative and commercial district built by Italians has wide tree-lined avenues and impressive buildings. The old Arab town is a maze of crooked narrow streets flanked by the small shops and homes of Indian and Arab traders. On the outskirts are the Somali settlements, an agglomeration of huts and shacks.

POPULATION AND LABOUR

10. An official estimate gives the population of the municipality at the end of 1963 as 104,000. Very little skilled labour is available. There is some semi-skilled labour, and a large unskilled labour force.

THROUGH ROUTES AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

11. The through routes shown on the plan are wide waterproof surfaced carrying two-lane traffic. Waterproof surfaced roads lead to Villagio Duca Degli Abruzzi (thence to Ethiopia) and to Afgoi; natural surface roads to Chisimaio and Baidoa.

12. There are no railways.

13. A joint civil and military airfield (67) lies on the south-western edge of the town. The airfield buildings are shown at (54).

14. For details of port see Port Information Sheet D/6/PIS (362).

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS

15. Administrative and public buildings in Mogadiscio include:

Presidential Palace (14)
Parliament Buildings (27)
Town Hall (50)
Residence of United States Deputy Chief of Mission (5)
Ministry of Defence and Army Headquarters (66)
United Nations Technical Assistance Board (31)
United States Information Service (48)
Police Headquarters (45)
Police Stations (30), (51)
Prison (61)
Post Offices (52)
Port Office (46)
Abbatoir (60)
Banco di Roma (37)
Banco di Napoli (38)
Credito Somali (49)
Somali Bank (35)

Embassies

Chinese Republic (16)
Czechoslovak Republic (21)
Ethiopia (41)
France (42)
Ghana (36)
United Kingdom (59)
United States (47)
United Arab Republic (23)
USSR (28)
West German Republic (18)

ACCOMMODATION

16. (*a*) *Hotels*

	No. of rooms
Giuba Hotel (29)	72
Scebeli Hotel (33) (air conditioned)	32
Croce de Sol Hotel (53)	34

(*b*) *Barracks.* The following barracks would be available:

Somali Army Barracks (62)
Camp Bottega (67)

(*c*) *Other accommodation.* The following might be made available in an emergency:

Police Barracks (17), (57), (65) and numerous schools

HOSPITALS

17. Hospitals in Mogadiscio comprise the following:

	No. of beds
De Martino Hospital (58)	700
Rava Maternity and General Hospital (19) ...	200
General Hospital (20)	Not known
Tuberculosis Hospital (3)	300

A hospital with 600 beds has been recently constructed by the European Economic Community on the Afgoi road about 4 km. from the centre of the town.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

18. *Electricity.* Electric power is obtained from a station (55) with a capacity of 4,000 kW. at 220/380 V.

19. *Water supplies.* Water supplies are obtained from wells and small distillation plants. There is no treatment, and the public is served mainly from stand pipes. Only important buildings are directly connected. Supplies available amount to 100,000 gallons per day. A distillation plant is shown at (56) on the plan, and a reservoir at (15)

20. *Sewage disposal.* There is no developed mains sewage disposal system. A few important buildings have water-borne facilities connected to septic tanks or cesspits. Elsewhere pit latrines are sometimes used, but usually the most primitive habits prevail.

21. *Public transport.* There is a municipal bus service but no details are available.

22. *Fire services.* The town fire brigade is controlled by the police force, no details regarding equipment are available.

23. *Telecommunications.* Telephone facilities are provided through a semi-automatic telephone exchange, which in addition to Mogadiscio has line connections to Villabruzzi and Balad in the north to Afgoi in the west and to Vittoria and Merca in the south. The only international service is by radio telephone from Mogadiscio. A telephone exchange is shown at (39).

24. The chief broadcasting station in the country is Radio Somali (12); radio masts are shown at (13) on the plan and a radio station (probably P & T) at (6). It is reported that the site proposed for the new Soviet supplied transmitter is on the Afgoi road 8 km. from Mogadiscio.

25. The police have their own radio network.

INDUSTRY

26. Industries located in Mogadiscio include two tanneries (2) (9), a soap factory (10), a meat cannery (11), a tobacco factory (4), a textile plant (32), a Government printing press (25) and a commercial printing press (34).

27. *Repair facilities.* Any capability for major repairs is very unlikely. Minor repairs might be carried out at the PWD depot (43).

STORAGE

28. *Cold storage.* There is the possibility of refrigerated storage at the cannery (11) and at the abbatoir (60). An ice plant is located at (44).

29. *POL storage.* Bulk storage is controlled by AGIP. The depot consists of eight tanks with a total capacity of 4 million gallons. Grades normally stocked are Mogas, kerosene, gas oil and fuel oil. The depot is shown at (63) and (64) on the plan. The AGIP offices are at (26).

30. *Covered storage.* There is 72,350 sq. ft of floor space in six sheds in the port area. Other space might be made available at the Sinclair Oil Warehouse (1), the AID Compound (7), the International Drilling Compound (22), Mitchell Cotts Warehouse (40).

31. *Open storage.* There is approximately 120,000 sq. ft of open storage in the port area. Additional space might be found in the Trade Fair Ground (24) and a compound (8).

LOCAL FOOD RESOURCES

32. Maize and durra are grown locally. Cattle, sheep and goats are raised in the surrounding countryside.

BERBERA

10° 27′ N., 45° 01′ E. Population approximately 25,000

Map 3

GENERAL

33. Berbera is located on the Gulf of Aden and is the chief port in the northern province of the Republic. The town has two distinct sections—in the north the Somali residential district, laid out with broad streets, and to the south the scattered buildings of the European syle administrative quarter.

POPULATION AND LABOUR

34. The estimated population of the town is approximately 25,000 though this increases to some 35,000 in the cool winter season. The large labour force available is almost wholly unskilled.

THROUGH ROUTES AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

35. Through road routes are shown in red on the plan. There is about 1 mile of waterproof surfaced road in the town, otherwise roads are natural surfaced. Berbera is linked with Hargeisa and Burao by a graded sand, gravel and murran road. Tracks run westward along the coast to Zeila and eastward to Erigavo.

36. There is no railway service.

37. A small airfield (27) used by DC-3s of Aden Airways is situated south west of the town.

38. For details of port see Port Information Sheet J/4/4 (324).

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS

39. Administrative and public buildings in the town include:

Government House (17)
High Court (14)
Government buildings (13), (20)
Town Council (4)
Custom House (2)
PWD Offices (22)
Post Office (5)
Police Headquarters } (10)
Police Station }
Prison (21)
Bank (3)

The National Bank of India Ltd, National and Grindley's Bank have branches in the town.

ACCOMMODATION

40. Very limited billeting accommodation might be made available at:

Rest House (16), 7 rooms
Coast Club (18), 1 hall and 2 rooms
The Indian School (15)
Police Barracks (11), (23)

HOSPITALS

		No. of beds
41.	General Hospital (9)	120
	Mental Hospital (8)	65

PUBLIC UTILITIES

42. *Electricity.* Electric power is supplied from 6 × 75 kVA. 6 cylinder Leyland generators and 2 × 137 kVA. Petters Brush at AC, 3-phase, 50 c.p.s., 230/400V. The power station is shown at (12) on the plan.

43. *Water supplies.* An abundant slightly brackish water supply is drawn from springs in the foothills 14 miles north of the town. Untreated water is piped to the more important premises, but the public is served mainly from stand pipes. The main storage tank is shown at (26) and a water point at (19).

44. *Sewage disposal.* A few of the more important premises and residences may have waterborne systems connected to septic tanks or cesspits. Elsewhere pit latrines are used.

45. *Fire services.* No information.

46. *Public transport.* There are no bus services.

47. *Telecommunications.* A manual telephone exchange (6) serves the town area. A P & T radio station maintains communications with the rest of the country.

48. The police have their own radio network.

49. A powerful broadcasting transmitter commenced operating in March 1961, but its location is not known.

INDUSTRY

50. A small ice factory (12) and a fish canning plant are the main installations in Berbera. A large factory (purpose not known) is under construction.

51. *Repair facilities.* Light repairs only can be undertaken by the PWD (22).

STORAGE

52. *Cold storage.* No information on storage but a small ice factory capacity not known, is reported at (12).

53. *POL storage.* A bulk store (25) is situated north-west of the airfield (27) and is operated by the Shell Company. The depot consists of five tanks with a total capacity of 2,657,370 gallons. Grades normally stocked are: gasoline, kerosene and gas oil. An additional petrol store is shown at (24) on the plan. This is probably operated by Besse and Co: capacity is reported to be 4,000 gallons.

54. *Covered storage.* Storage space would be available at the bonded warehouse (1) and at the warehouse shown at (7).

55. *Open storage.* Open spaces are available in the town area.

LOCAL FOOD RESOURCES

56. Sheep and cattle are available during the dry period (October to March).

BURAO

09° 31′ N., 45° 34′ E. Population approximately 10,000
Map 4

GENERAL

57. Burao is an administrative headquarters and stock-raising town situated in the centre of the northern region. Most of the inhabitants live in primitive huts bordering the central shopping district.

POPULATION AND LABOUR

58. The population is estimated to be about 10,000. Of this figure at least 15 per cent are nomadic. Little skilled or semi-skilled labour is available at any time.

THROUGH ROUTES AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

59. Through road routes are shown in red on the plan. There is one mile of tarmac road (location not known) in the town, the remainder are natural or murran surfaced. Burao is linked by road with Hargeisa, Berbera, Erigabo and Las Anod.

60. There is no railway.

61. A small airfield (13) at the South-Eastern edge of the town is used by DC-3 aircraft.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS

62. Administrative and public buildings include:

Government Administration Office (7)
Town Council Office (10)
Police Stations (4), (11)
Prison (2)
Post Office and Telephone Exchange (12)

A technical college is reported to be under construction.

ACCOMMODATION

	No. of rooms
63. (*a*) Government Rest House (6)...	3

(*b*) *Barracks*

The Fort (15). Capacity two Somali Infantry Companies plus ancillaries

Police Quarters (3). Capacity 60 men

(*c*) *Other accommodation.* Schools in the town could provide accommodation in an emergency.

HOSPITALS

	No. of beds
64. Government General Hospital	184

PUBLIC UTILITIES

65. *Electricity.* Electric power is provided by a single power station (9) having an installed capacity of 140 kVA., and an output of 220 V. AC, single-phase, 50 cycles, and 400 V. AC, 3-phase, 50 cycles.

66. *Water supplies.* The public supply is drawn from four boreholes by electric pumps. The water is pumped via rising mains to elevated storage tanks whence it is piped untreated to more important premises and to stand pipes. There are also many wells dug in the banks of the river. Water pumping stations are shown at (1) and (6) on the plan. A water storage tank is shown at (8).

67. *Sewage disposal.* A few official houses have water-borne disposal to septic tanks and cesspits. Some pit latrines are used but usually the most primitive habits prevail.

68. *Fire services.* No information.

69. *Public transport.* No information.

70. *Telecommunications.* A manual telephone exchange (12) serves the locality. The police have their own radio network.

INDUSTRY

71. Reports indicate that a mill and workshops are under construction.

72. *Repair facilities.* The PWD (14) might be able to undertake light repairs.

STORAGE

73. *Cold storage.* No information.

74. *POL storage.* Bulk supplies are imported from Berbera. There are three filling stations in the town.

75. *Covered storage.* Limited amounts of space might be made available in the Fort (15) and possibly at the Police Quarters (3).

76. *Open storage.* Open ground adjoining the Fort would be suitable.

LOCAL FOOD RESOURCES

77. Burao is a stock-raising centre. Meat and milk would be available.

HARGEISA

09° 33′ N., 44° 04′ E. Population 40,000

Map 5

GENERAL

78. Hargeisa was until 1960, the capital of the Somaliland Protectorate and is still the administrative centre of the northern province of the Somali Republic.

POPULATION AND LABOUR

79. The estimated population of 40,000 is reduced by about 10,000 in the hot summer season. It consists mainly of Somalis with some Indians and a few Arabs. Plentiful unskilled labour is available. There are very few skilled or semi-skilled workers.

THROUGH ROUTES AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

80. Through road routes are shown in red on the plan. There are about seven miles of waterproof surfaced roads in the town, and the road to the airport is similarly surfaced. Other roads are surfaced with murran or are natural. Hargeisa is connected by road with Berbera, Burao, Awareh (in Ethiopia) and Borama.

81. There is no railway.

82. Hargeisa Airport is situated about 5 miles south-east of the town. It is used by Somali Airways and Aden Airways.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS

83. Administrative and public buildings include:

Government House (19)
Regional Governor's Residence (20)
Government Offices (21)
High Court (25)
Treasury Buildings (24)
Department of Natural Resources (17)
Ministry of Labour (50)
Agriculture and Forestry Offices (48)
World Health Organisation (29)
British Consulate-General (18)
Local Government Offices (11)
Customs House (14)
District Offices (28), (31)
Public Works Department (43)
Geological Survey (16)
Police Headquarters (35)
Police Station (12)
Prison (4)
Post Office (22)
Bank (8)

National and Grindlays Bank Ltd and the National Bank of India have branches in Hargeisa, but these have not been identified.

ACCOMMODATION

84. (*a*) *Hotels*

	No. of rooms
Oriental Hotel (9)	12
Union Hotel (10)	20

(*b*) *Barracks*

The Fort (38). Capacity two Somali Infantry Companies.

Police Lines (7). Reported capacity 90 single quarters.

Limited accommodation might be available at the former Officers' Mess (33) and the former Sergeants' Mess (37).

(*c*) *Other accommodation.* The Indian Club (6), the Hargeisa Club (34), the Trades School (41), the Askari married quarters (46), the Government Houses (49) and schools in the town might provide accommodation in an emergency.

HOSPITALS

	No. of beds
85. General Hospital (5)	192
TB Hospital (30)	175

PUBLIC UTILITIES

86. *Electricity.* The Electric Power Station (36) is equipped with 2 × 326 kVA. and 2 × 500 kVA. generating units giving an installed capacity of 1,750 kVA. Generation is at 400V., 3-phase, 50 cycles.

87. *Water supplies.* Water is obtained from wells and boreholes having a capacity of 150,000 g.p.d. Distribution is by pipe to the more important premises and to stand pipes. The degree of treatment is not known. Rationing is often necessary in the dry season. A reservoir (250,000 gallons capacity) is shown at (2) and pumping stations at (26), (27) and (32).

88. *Sewage disposal.* The European-type buildings have water-borne facilities to septic tanks or cess pits. Elsewhere pit latrines are used.

89. *Public transport.* There is no public transport service.

90. *Fire services.* No information.

91. *Telecommunications.* A manual telephone exchange and telegraph office is shown at (23). Outside the town area communications are by radio telephone. These are centred on Telecon House (13) which includes the P & T aerials and a booster station for Radio Somali. The Radio Somali broadcasting station is shown at (1).

INDUSTRY

92. There is no industry.

93. *Repair facilities.* The workshops shown at (39), (42) and (47) should be capable of carrying out all types of repair. No reports on their capability have been received since 1962. Facilities might be available at the Trades School (40).

STORAGE

94. *Cold storage.* No information.

95. *POL storage.* There is no bulk storage. Supplies are imported from Berbera. A public works depot is shown at (3) on the plan. There are four filling stations in the town.

96. *Covered storage.* Storage might be made available in the old PWD offices (45), the PWD storage compound (44), the medical store (15) and at school buildings throughout the town.

97. *Open storage.* Open spaces near the Fort (38), and in the town, could be used.

LOCAL FOOD RESOURCES

98. Limited quantities of meat, milk and maize would be available.

CHAPTER 3

OTHER TOWNS

99. The following table gives information on other towns. The total of the population is difficult to assess, as the official figures often refer to the municipality which sometimes covers a large area outside the town proper. The location of each town is shown on Map 1.

Town	General description	Public utilities	Other information
Belet Uen 4° 45′ N., 45° 12′ E. Population 8,000 (1956) Municipality	Market town on Scebeli River about 50 miles from Ethiopian border. Roads to Mogadiscio. Landing ground west of town	Electric power from small power plant Water pumped from wells WT station	Hospital (82 beds) PWD workshop (1949)
Bosaso (Bender Cassim) 11° 17′ N., 49° 11′ E. Population 6,000 (1956) Municipality	Small port and administrative centre on Gulf of Aden, road to Laz Daua Landing ground 1 mile west of town	Electric power facilities not known Abundant water from wells, but degree of treatment not known WT station	Hospital (22 beds) (1956)
Borama 9° 56′ N., 43° 11′ E. Population 4,000 (1960)	Lies in hills north-west of Hargeisa about 4 miles from the Ethiopian border. Roads to Zeila and Hargeisa. Landing strip on northern edge of town	No electric power facilities Water pumped from wells to 30,000 gallon tank Pumping capacity 50,000 gallons per day WT station	Hospital (94 beds) New Harawa hotel with electric light Police station Barracks, prison and local government offices
Brava 1° 07′ N., 44° 02′ E. Population 7,000 (1956) Municipality	Small port and administrative centre on coast about 110 miles south-west of Mogadiscio Road to Mogadiscio	Electric power facilities not known Water from wells to 11,000 gallon tank thence to stand pipes (1945) WT station	No hospital Local industries include leather factory and saw mills Modern well-built school (1956)
Chisimaio (Kismayo) 0° 22′ S., 42° 33′ E. Population 5,000 (1956)	Port at mouth of Giuba River, important for banana exports. A number of well-built houses and offices Road to Mogadiscio Landing ground 5 miles north-north-east of town	Small electric power plant (1949) Water from borehole and wells (1956) WT station	Hospital (90 beds) (1956) Modern school (1956) PWD workshop Tannery under construction with Russian aid
Erigavo 10° 37′ N., 47° 22′ E. Population 3,000 (1956)	Administrative centre Road to Bosaso and Las Anod Air strip for light aircraft	No electricity Water from wells WT station	Hospital (70 beds) Resthouse Workshops (light repairs only) POL 2,000 gallons at south-east edge of town
Iscia Baidoa (Baidoa) 3° 07′ N., 43° 38′ E. Population 13,850 (1956) Municipality	Market town and administrative centre between the Scebeli and Giuba valleys Roads to Mogadiscio and Bardera Landing ground on west side of town	Small electric power plant (1949) Water from boreholes 16,000 gallons per day (1956) and from a spring up to 30,000 gallons per day WT station	Hospital (83 beds) PWD workshops (1949)

Town	General description	Public utilities	Other information
Las Anod 8° 28′ N., 47° 21′ E. Population 2,000 (1956)	Administrative centre Roads to Erigavo, Hargeisa and Gardo	No electricity Potable water from rain catchments feeding into two underground storage tanks of 70,000 gallons total capacity. Roof catchment is also practised. The town well is gypseous WT station	Hospital (82 beds) Rest house Police station, police barracks, prison POL storage tank of 2,000 gallons on north outskirts Workshop (light repairs only) New local government offices have been recently constructed
Merca 1° 43′ N., 44° 47′ E. Population 20,000 (1961) Municipality	Banana exporting port and administrative centre Roads to Mogadiscio, Brava and Bui Acaba	Electric power available, details not known Water from wells Telephone exchange	Hospital (28 beds) Meat cannery
Villagio Duca Degli Abruzzi (Villabruzzi) 2° 47′ N., 45° 31′ E. Population 4,150 (1944)	Market town in Scebeli Valley Centre of the Somali sugar industry Roads to Mogadiscio and Ferfer	Electric power provided by the sugar refinery Water from wells and boreholes to stand pipes Telephone exchange	Hospital (60 beds) Sugar refinery, distillery, cotton gin and soap making facilities

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Part VIII (B): TOWNS

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NDA Youngsfield
NDA Singapore
NBDC—Stock

Army Department

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ASD 7
D Mil. Survey
HQ. 16 Para. Bde. Gp.
Cent. Coll. Office HQ. SOUTCO
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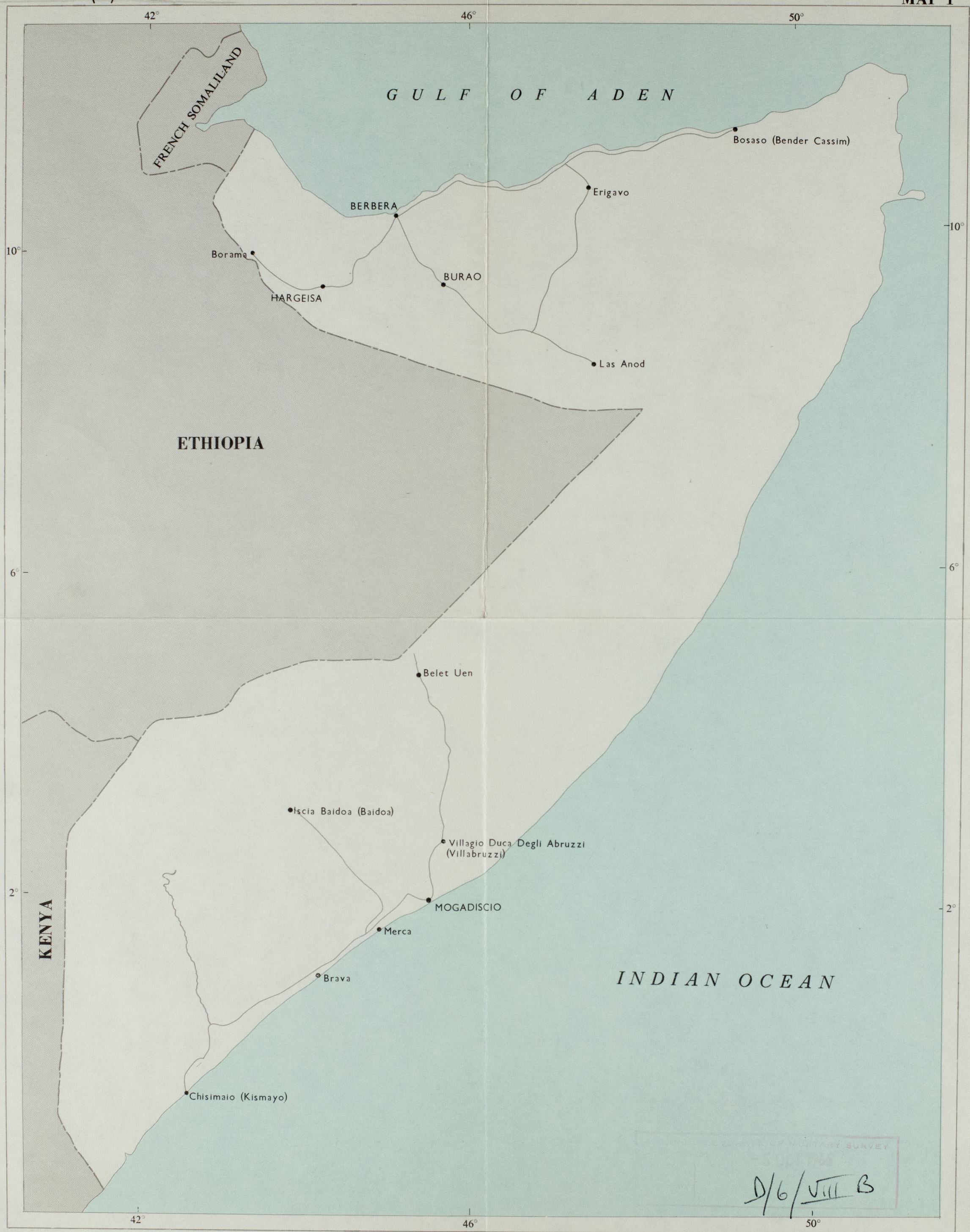

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MOGADISCIO

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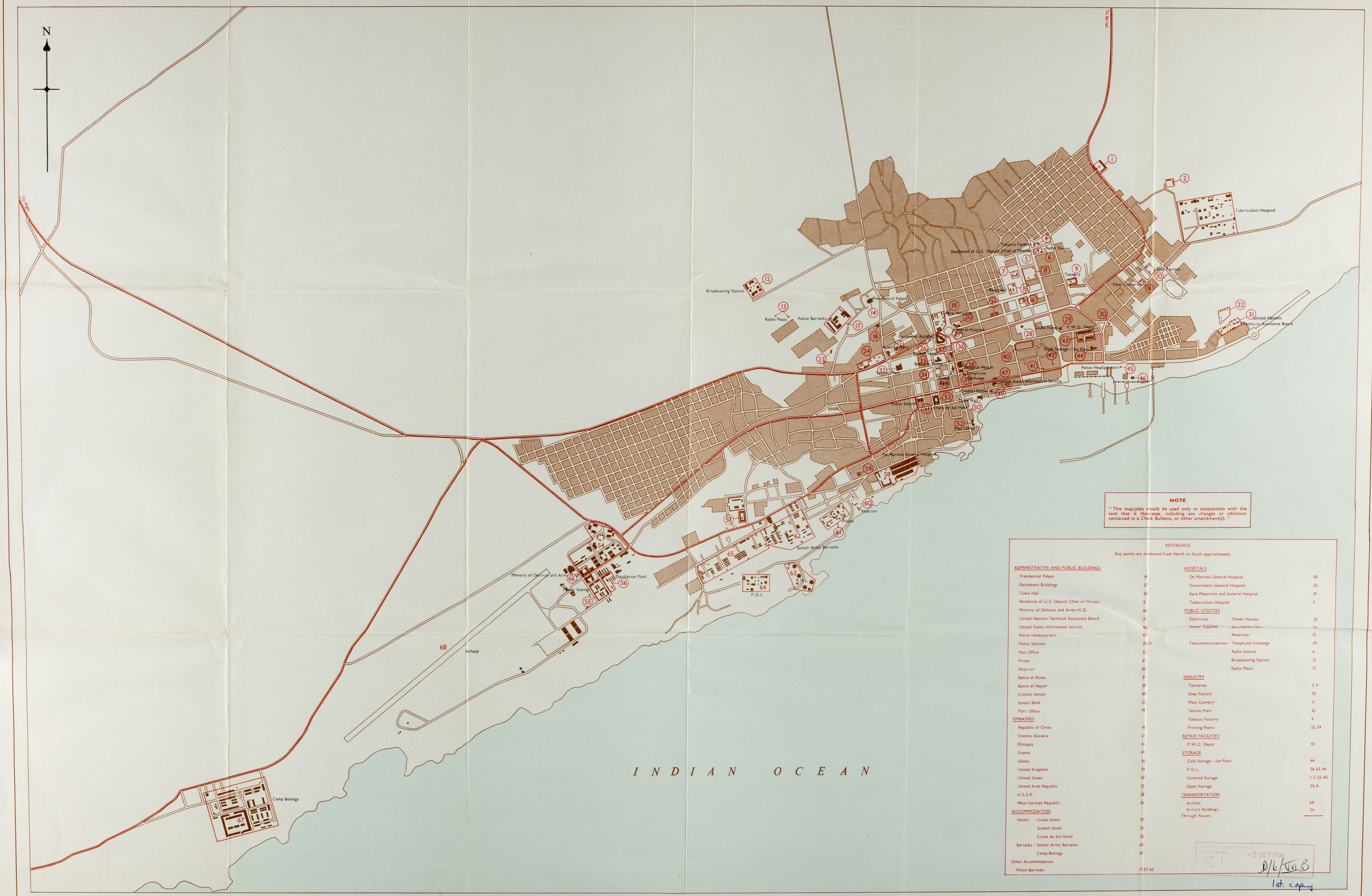

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS	
Presidential Palace	14
Parliament Buildings	27
Town Hall	50
Residence of U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission	5
Ministry of Defence and Army H.Q.	66
United Nations Technical Assistance Board	31
United States Information Service	48
Police Headquarters	45
Police Stations	30, 51
Post Office	52
Prison	61
Abattoir	60
Banco di Roma	37
Banco di Napoli	38
Credito Somali	49
Somali Bank	35
Port Office	46
EMBASSIES	
Republic of China	16
Czecho Slovakia	21
Ethiopia	41
France	42
Ghana	36
United Kingdom	59
United States	47
United Arab Republic	23
U.S.S.R.	28
West German Republic	18
ACCOMMODATION	
Hotels - Giuba Hotel	29
Scebeli Hotel	33
Croce de Sol Hotel	50
Barracks - Somali Army Barracks	62
Camp Bottega	67
Other Accommodation	
Police Barracks	17, 57, 65

HOSPITALS		
De Martino General Hospital		58
Government General Hospital		20
Rava Maternity and General Hospital		19
Tuberculosis Hospital		3
PUBLIC UTILITIES		
Electricity	- Power Station	55
Water Supplies	- Distillation Plant	56
	Reservoir	15
Telecommunications	- Telephone Exchange	39
	Radio Station	6
	Broadcasting Station	12
	Radio Masts	13
INDUSTRY		
Tanneries		2, 9
Soap Factory		10
Meat Cannery		11
Textile Plant		32
Tobacco Factory		4
Printing Plants		25, 34
REPAIR FACILITIES		
P.W.D. Depot		43
STORAGE		
Cold Storage - Ice Plant		44
P.O.L.		26, 63, 64
Covered Storage		1, 7, 22, 40
Open Storage		24, 8
TRANSPORTATION		
Airfield		68
Airfield Buildings		54
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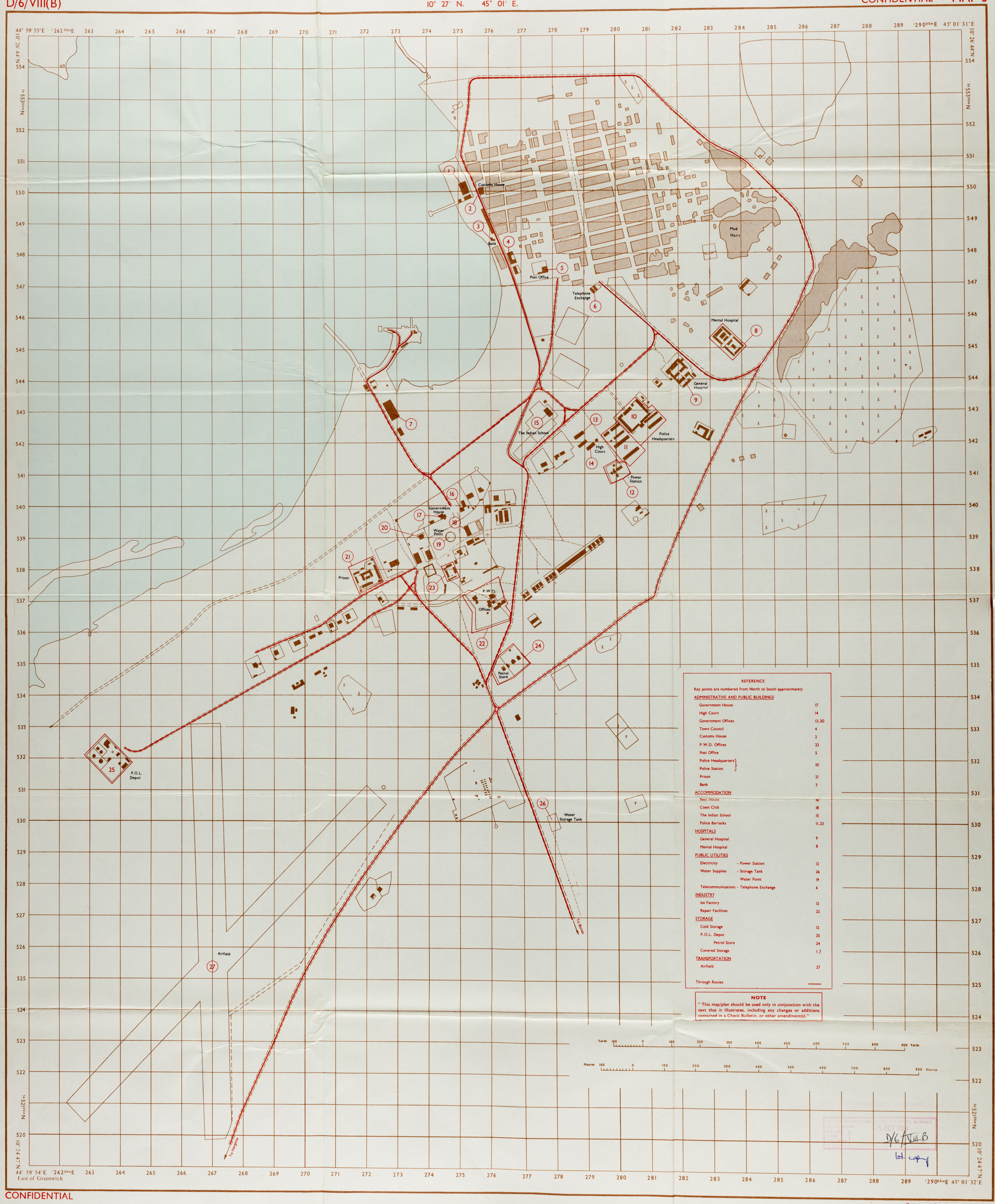

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS	
Government House	17
High Court	14
Government Offices	13, 20
Town Council	4
Customs House	2
P.W.D. Offices	22
Post Office	5
Police Headquarters / Police Station	10
Prison	21
Bank	3
ACCOMMODATION	
Rest House	16
Coast Club	18
The Indian School	15
Police Barracks	11, 23
HOSPITALS	
General Hospital	9
Mental Hospital	8
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
Electricity - Power Station	12
Water Supplies - Storage Tank	26
Water Point	19
Telecommunications - Telephone Exchange	6
INDUSTRY	
Ice Factory	12
Repair Facilities	22
STORAGE	
Cold Storage	12
P.O.L. Depot	25
Petrol Store	24
Covered Storage	1, 7
TRANSPORTATION	
Airfield	27
Through Routes	——

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS		
Government Administration Office		7
Town Council		10
Police Stations		4, 11
Prison		2
Post Office		12
ACCOMMODATION		
Government Rest House		6
Barracks		15
Police Quarters		3
HOSPITALS		
General Hospital		5
PUBLIC UTILITIES		
Electricity	- Power Station	9
Water Supplies	- Pumping Station	1, 16
	Storage Tank	8
Telecommunications	- Telephone Exchange	12
Repair Facilities	- P.W.D. Workshops	14
STORAGE		
Covered Store		15, 3
TRANSPORTATION		
Airfield		13
Through Routes		

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HARGEISA

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MAP 5

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS	
Government House	19
Regional Governor's Residence	20
Government Offices	21
High Court	25
Treasury Buildings	24
Department of Natural Resources	17
Ministry of Labour	50
Agriculture and Forestry Offices	48
British Consulate General	18
World Health Organisation	29
Local Government Offices	11
Customs House	14
District Offices	28, 31
Public Works Department	43
Geological Survey	16
Police Headquarters	35
~~Police Station~~	~~12~~
Prison	4
Post Office	22
Bank	8
ACCOMMODATION	
Hotels - Oriental Hotel	9
Union Hotel	10
Barracks - The Fort	18
Police Lines	7
Former Officers Mess	33
Former Sergeants Mess	37
Other Accommodation	
The Indian Club	6
Hargeisa Club	34
The Trades School	4
Government Housing	49
Askari Married Quarters	46
HOSPITALS	
General Hospital	5
T.B. Hospital	30
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
Electricity - Power Station	36
Water Supplies - Reservoir	2
Pumping Stations	26, 27, 32
Telecommunications - Telephone Exchange	23
Telecom. House	13
Radio Somali	1
Repair Facilities - Workshops	39, 42, 47
Trades School	40
STORAGE	
Public Works P.O.L.	3
Covered Storage - Old P.W.D. Offices	45
P.W.D. Compound	44
Medical Store	15
Open Storage - The Fort	38
Through Routes	

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